

Engagement Opportunities:**Qualified Allocation Plan and Consolidated Request for Proposals Funding Priorities**

Minnesota Housing is pleased to share our anticipated timeline and engagement opportunities for the development of our 2022 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) and 2021 Consolidated Request for Proposals (RFP) funding priorities.

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General Timeline

In the coming months, Minnesota Housing will lead and participate in several engagement opportunities that will gather input from a variety of stakeholders including local units of government, community-based organizations, economic development organizations, state agencies, funding and collaborating partners, developers, and communities most impacted by housing needs as we develop the 2022 QAP which sets overall 2021 Consolidated RFP funding priorities.

Phase one of this outreach work will happen in January and February. Information and ideas gathered from these engagement events will guide the content of the first draft of the QAP that we anticipate making available for public comment by early summer 2020. Opportunities for further input will then be made available in Phase two, which will happen over the summer before finalizing the QAP at our September board meeting.

Outlined below are a number of ways for you to participate with Minnesota Housing in this process. Additional opportunities for engagement are being developed and will be made available and updated in the [2022 QAP/2021 Consolidated RFP Funding Priorities Calendar](#). We encourage you to sign up to receive [email updates](#) about the development of the QAP and Consolidated RFP funding priorities including future opportunities for input.

Policy Areas of Interest for Early Feedback

Minnesota Housing is interested in your early feedback on the following policy priorities as we work on the 2022 QAP and 2021 Consolidated RFP funding priorities:

- Aligning government incentives for the production and preservation of housing for populations that are not being adequately served by the current rental housing market, all the while creating long-term affordability
- Prioritizing communities most impacted by housing instability and housing disparities
- Creating economic opportunities for communities that will benefit most from housing development work
- Reviewing the role geography should play in helping to drive funding decisions around housing investment throughout the state
- How best to continue focusing on ending homelessness in Minnesota and the role of coordinated entry in regard to that focus
- How best to advance energy efficiency and building innovation in rental housing while ensuring cost reasonableness
- How best to achieve deeper and longer-term affordability

We invite early feedback and comment on these or other policy priorities by **Monday, February 24, 2020** before developing the next draft of the QAP. Comments can be emailed directly to HTC.mhfa@state.mn.us. **Please note:** there will be more opportunities for public comment once a more formal draft of the QAP is released, which is expected by early summer.

Engagement Opportunities and Registration Information**LIHTC 101 Webinar**

If you would like to learn more about Minnesota Housing's Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program and how we establish funding priorities for LIHTC projects and other projects funded in the Consolidated RFP, attend the [LIHTC 101 webinar](#) on Wednesday, January 22 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The webinar includes a general overview of LIHTC in Minnesota, including Minnesota Housing's LIHTC program, and opportunities to participate in funding priority discussions related to the LIHTC program and Consolidated RFP. [Register by Tuesday, January 21.](#)

We also encourage you to visit Minnesota Housing's [Housing Tax Credits webpage to learn more about the LIHTC program.](#)

In-person Stakeholder Session

Attend our [2022 QAP/Consolidated RFP Funding Priorities in-person session](#) on Tuesday, January 28 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Minnesota Housing. This session offers those involved and interested in multifamily development the opportunity to discuss the potential changes to the 2022 QAP, which guides overall Consolidated RFP funding priorities. [Register by Friday, January 24.](#)

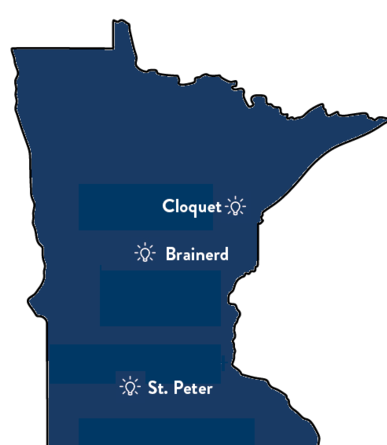
Housing Resources Engagement Sessions

Minnesota Housing is excited to announce upcoming sessions in Greater Minnesota that will offer opportunities for local communities to engage with us to determine how Minnesota Housing and its funding partners can help advance local community housing needs.

Breakout sessions, including opportunities for dialogue targeted to the review and development of funding priorities for the 2022 QAP/2021 Consolidated RFP will be offered. A networking lunch is included with your registration. Following lunch, you may register for a limited number of technical assistance sessions with Minnesota Housing, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development, Minnesota Housing Partnership, and Greater Minnesota Housing Fund (GMHF) staff to discuss project specific or program specific technical assistance. [Click here to see the full agenda.](#)

[Register to participate in one of our three sessions.](#)

- **Saint Peter: Thursday, January 30**
Saint Peter Community Center,
600 South 5th Street
[Register by Monday, January 27](#)
- **Cloquet: Wednesday, February 5**
Community Memorial Hospital,
Maple and Oak Rooms
512 Skyline Boulevard
[Register by Friday, January 31](#)
- **Brainerd: Monday, February 10**
Central Lakes Community College,
Room E208
501 West College Drive
[Register by Wednesday, February 5](#)

**Additional Engagement Opportunities**

[Check the 2022 QAP/2021 Consolidated RFP Funding Priorities calendar](#) for additional opportunities, including events in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. We also encourage you to sign up to receive [email updates](#) about the development of the QAP and Consolidated RFP funding priorities including future opportunities for input.



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